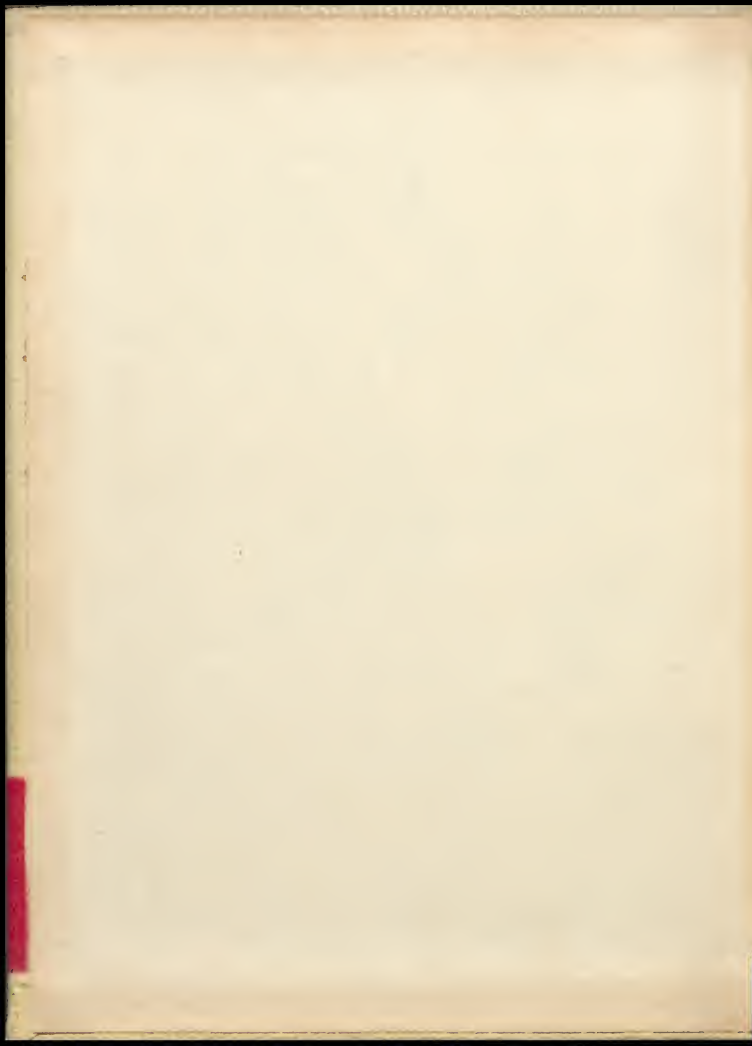




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LEGEND







THE 1950

L E G E N D



PORTAGE HIGH SCHOOL
CRISMAN, INDIANA







GEORGE L. MYERS
Director of Music

Through many years you've labored well.

If sacred truth should be confessed,

Long future years, alone, can tell

How many lives your own has blessed.

EDWARD A. ANDERSON.

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HAVE YOU ARE? This is our way of preserving for you the special but different memories we are leaving behind us.

The *1950 Legend* has been produced through the efforts of the graduating class with the hope that it will set a standard for all underclassmen. Our goal has been to give Portage a good year-book, informal and friendly.

This *Legend* is showing you how we have worked together, played together, and strived together. We hope that as days go by it may become a valued reminder of this past school year. May it offer as much pleasure to you as it did to us who composed it.

FRANK MULLIN
Editor

ADMINISTRATION



Faculty



J. WAGNER
Principal



C. PRENTICE
Trustee



E. ANDERSON
(It's right now-outline)



M. E. AULT
Laugh-line tickets first



M. BAIRD
After putting away your work



P. BIBLER
Now, Ogden



D. DITSLER
I see the kids point at me...



W. FEGELY
Clean up time.

Faculty



O. GÜTNER
I'd like you all around!



E. JONES
Don't let's get ahead!



R. LINDQUIST
Hi ho!



A. LONG
Use your study books!



L. LONG
Now, this reminds me of



H. MUNTEAN
Senior and girl



E. MURRAY
Cut out the corn!

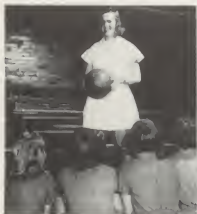


G. MYERS
Get rocky-kyky



G. NOBLE
My little cherubs!

Faculty



E. RIPPE

Well, that's rough.



W. STUCKEY

I...change your papers.



M. TAYLOR

Put it in second.



K. LINDQUIST

Clerk



B. WITTE

The bell has rung



BUS DRIVERS

CLASSES





Mrs. Muntean, Frank Mullin, Vic Hager, Mrs. Witte, Lola Gilbert.

SENIOR CLASS

Gone, but not forgotten . . . First class business: election of officers. . . . Annual staff appointed by sponsors after distribution of questionnaires. . . . Cider and doughnuts, square dancing, and music by Swingsters featured at Autumn Day Dance in October. . . . Try-outs . . . cast chosen . . . 7 A.M. rehearsals (Ho hum . . . what a way to start the day) . . . stage and props committees praised for work on stage . . . Hard biscuits and root beer tea . . . advertising skits . . . charge through study hall and hunt bodies in cafeteria . . . full house . . . play-poison wine, bodies, Panama Canal, love scenes (Wow!!), audience got a big "charge" out of *Arsenic and Old Lace* . . . Graduation caps and gowns ordered, seniors look forward . . . traditional Christmas Dance. . . . Senior activities give way to Santa Claus. . . . New Year's Eve dances, mistletoe and midnight shows. . . . Homeroom sizzles and impeachment fizzes. . . . Last minute *Legend* rush: burn midnight oil, eat potato chips, get write-ups done. . . . Cupid runs wild at class Valentine's Day party. . . . Bumpy bus rides to music contests. . . . Spring is here . . . hot dog! Class picnic: shoe scrambles, baseball, boat rides, dunkings . . . next day: sunburn, achin' backs, insect bites, etc. . . . trips during Senior Week. . . . Senior banquet (ah, food!). . . . Nerve-wracking exams—report cards. . . . Baccalaureate service. . . . Final appearance of "Dirty Dozen." . . . Commencement exercises. . . . DIPLOMAS. . . . Farewell, P.H.S.!!!!



BERNICE ALLISS

Short . . . Sweet
Press Club
Latin Club

ELEANOR ANDERSON

Chatty . . . Pleasant
G. A. A.
Press Club
Latin Club

ARDYCE ANDERSON

Jester . . . Obliging
G. A. A.
Choir
Latin Club

* KATHRYN AXTELL

Reserved . . . Since
G. A. A.
Press Club
Latin Club
Junior Play

GEORGE BASSETT

Mechanic . . . Jovial

MARGARET BETTS

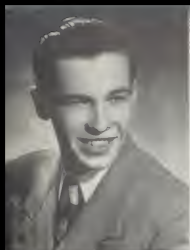
Bright-eyed . . . Reliable
Annual Staff
Press Club
Student Council
Latin Club
Sec. Treas. Junior Class
Junior-Senior Plays

HENRIETTA BEIER

Quiet . . . Benign
G. A. A.
Press Club

ELVIN BLANTON

Hilarious . . . Happy-go-lucky
Orleans High School
Basketball



LEALON BOTTOM

Noisy . . . Teasing
Horace Mann High School
Track
Press Club
Senior Play

ALAN COFFEY

Sleepy . . . Well-liked
Basketball
Track
Band
Choir
Junior Class President
Senior Play

DORIS COKER

Energetic Talkative
G. A. A.
Press Club

WAYNE CONAWAY

Neat . . . Chef
Annual Staff
Cheerleader
Choir
Dirty Dozen
Press Club (Editor)
Student Council
Junior Play

VIRGIL CRISMAN

Dignified . . . Quiet
Basketball
Baseball
Track
Cross Country
Choir
Dirty Dozen

KATHLEEN DAVID

Neat . . . Modest
G. A. A.
Band
Choir
Dirty Dozen
Press Club
Junior and Senior Plays

HESTER DAUBEK

Strongminded . . . Different
G. A. A.
Band
Choir
Press Club
Dirty Dozen
Student Council
Latin Club
Junior Play

STANLEY ELIAS

Brilliant Reserved
Froebel High School



DOROTHY FENSKE

Sneers . . . Blond
Lew Wallace High School
Annual Staff
G. A. A.
Press Club (Business
Manager)

NORMA GARLETT

Moody . . . Reformed
G. A. A.

BARBARA FUNKE

Happy-in-love . . . Fun
Annual Staff
G. A. A.
Choir
Dirty Dozen
Student Council
Latin Club
Junior and Senior Plays

LOLA GILBERT

Fun . . . Dependable
G. A. A.
Press Club (Art Editor)
Sec.-Treas. Senior Class

WILLIAM HAACK

Mischnevous
Entertaining
Band (President)
Choir
Basketball
Track
Freshman Class President

RICHARD HALLMAN

Reserved . . . Agreeable
Annual Staff
Track
Latin Club

VICTOR HAGER

Dependable . . . Dreamer
Annual Staff (Business
Manager)
Basketball
Track
Choir
Band
Junior Class Vice-President
Senior Class President

NORMA HENDERSHOTT

Athletic . . . Composed
G. A. A.



NANCY HUFF

Slender . . . Complacent
G. A. A.
Press Club

WILLIAM JOHNSON

Musical - Handsome
Basketball
Track
Cross Country
Band
Chorus
Dirty Dozen
Senior Play

JOSEPH JOHNSON

Brisk . . . Friendly
G. A. A. (Sec. Senior Year)
Choir
Press Club

GRACE KAMINSKI

Friendly . . . Well-likes
G. A. A. (Pres. Senior)
Press Club

WARREN LARSON

Content . . . Thoughtful

ROBERT LIGHTFOOT

Jester . . . Bodacious
Basketball
Baseball
Track
Choir
Junior-Senior Plays

JOAN LENBURG

Attractive . . . Quiet
G. A. A.
Press Club
Student Council

BETH LEE LIVERY

Quiet . . . Respected
Massachusetts
Press Club
G. A. A.



LEON LEECE

Sincere Capable
 Band
 Choir
 Dirty Dozen

ALICE MASCHER

Neat . . . Pleasant
 G. A. A. (Treas. Sr. Year)
 Press Club
 Latin Club

NORBERT MARSOUEK

Friendly . . . Unassuming

RICHARD MATHIAS

Composed . . . Unruffled

MARLEN METZGER

Extrovert . . . Happy
 Basketball
 Baseball
 Track
 Cross Country
 Choir
 Band
 Press Club
 Junior and Senior Plays
 Sophomore Vice-President

RALPH MCHARGUE

Lively . . . Sentimental
 Basketball
 Track
 Choir

MARILYN MCHARGUE

Active . . . Obliging
 G. A. A.
 Press Club

AUDREY MILLER

Brisk . . . Businesslike
 G. A. A.
 Choir
 Press Club (Ass't Editor)



JACK MUILEN

Journalistic Carefree
 Annual Editor
 Press Club
 Student Council
 Latin Club (President)
 Senior Vice President
 Senior Play

CAROLYN NICHOLSON

Cooperative - - Artistic
 Latin Club
 Junior Play

CARL NELSON

Hotrod Terific
 Basketball
 Junior Play

WAYNE OLSON

Self-Confident
 Vocalistic
 Basketball
 Baseball
 Track
 Band
 Choir
 Dirty Dozen
 Press Club
 Student Council (President)
 Sophomore President
 Senior and Junior Plays

ROBERT PETERSEN

Modest Sincere
 Basketball
 Baseball
 Track
 Band
 Choir
 Dirty Dozen
 Latin Club

EDITH REID

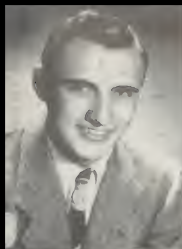
Red Head Breezy
 G. A. A.

CLIFFORD PRENTICE

Fun-Loving - - Independent
 Band

PHYLLIS SCHUBERT

Tolerant Competent
 G. A. A.
 Choir
 Press Club



ELMER SHERIDAN

Tall Dark Witty
Track
Senior Play

CHARLES SIMONSON

Long and Lanky
Caustic
Basketball
Cross Country
Band

ELMER SHERIDAN

Happy-go-lucky
Benton, Illinois
G. A. A.
Choir
Dirty Dozen
Press Club

JOHN SEEFARICH

Witty Brusque
Basketball
Choir
Latin Club
Sophomore Treasurer

ELMER SHERIDAN

Larcinious Friendly

ELMER SHERIDAN

Gemal Impartial
Choir
G. A. A.

CARL WELLS

Athletic Good-looking
Basketball
Baseball
Track
Cross Country
Band
Choir
Dirty Dozen
Press Club
Student Council
Latin Club
Junior and Senior Plays

ELMER SHERIDAN

Whimsical Determining
Choir
Baseball



Left to right: Phyllis Parker, Mr. Myers, L. Brown, Mr. Lundquist, O. Nickerson



*O. B. NICKERSON
President*



*LAWRENCE BROWN
Vice President*

JUNIOR CLASS

Junior memories . . . Sold personalized stationery . . .
Class rings eagerly received . . . Roger's corny jokes
. . . Operated checkroom . . . Square dancing at class
party . . . Juke box dance . . . Selling of basketball pro-
grams . . . St. Valentine's Day Dance . . . Our first
class play . . . Dreamy Prom . . . Dreaded exams . . .
Hooray!!! We're seniors!!!



*PHYLLIS PARKER
Secretary-Treasurer*



Eva Jean Andrews



Ruth Bender



Patsy Biggs



Brian Blair



Kathryn Bolles



Don Carpenter



Carl Cauley



Marian Como



Perry Cooper



Robert Comer



Kelli Emerson



Barbara Fosberg



Marvin Guernsey



Beatrice Hagen



Tom Hagen



Eugene Hardesty



Donna Harrison



Danny Haxton



Nancy Howell



Raymond Ferguson



Edward Jennings



Charles Kimball



Ruth Tangren



Forrest McHargue



Mildred McNamar



Shirley Metz



Don Mollender



Pat Murray



Verdie Nelson



Dale Pennington



David Sam



Evelyn Schaubeger



James Seinfeld



Marilyn Selby



William Selby



Sally Smith



Elizabeth Smith



Joan Smock



Lorelei Sodemann



Marilyn Weber



Jerry Wilson



William Yakovlev

SOPHOMORE CLASS

Sophomores will remember square dancing and games at class party. . . . Profits on booster pins and pennants. . . . Record dance. . . . Star Dust dance. . . . World history tests! . . . Sponsors' request. "Quiet Please! . . . My class fling. . . . Semester finals. . . . Whoa, we made it. . . . Upperclassmen at last!!!



Left to right—J. Merwald, J. Loar, Miss Rippe, B. Anderson, P. Parish, Mr. Ditsler, B. Van Bergen.



Front row, left to right—S. Russell, M. Wilson, D. Leimborg, P. Parish, T. Lute, D. Trostle, P. Johnson, R. Barnston, H. Gauger, D. Garrett, F. Hill, L. Mongold.

Second row—R. Jones, M. Langren, P. English, C. Gottsch, J. Whitlock, R. Samuelson, W. Van Bergen, H. Merfeld, O. Jolly, H. Davies.

Third row—B. Brown, B. Jacob, M. Sitam, J. Loar, H. Foreman, M. Schaubberger, W. Cressy, S. Ensminger, M. Samuelson, C. Cobble, J. Smith.



Front row, left to right—M. Axtell, J. Kimmel, A. Anderson, M. Rice, M. Emerson, C. Tucker, D. Trembichi, C. Johnson, D. Williams, J. Koritko, C. Gibson, B. Carr, M. Anderson, J. Tanner, T. Tittle.

Second row—H. Rice, D. Wade, D. Fleming, R. Parker, R. Hendershott, D. Mallan.

Third row—R. Polite, G. Scherger, E. Fenske, W. Lucky, J. Baumster, J. Thomas, J. Meyers, F. Bassett, F. Gordon, B. Donaghey, B. Crossman, S. Conaway, A. Coyne, J. Beier.



Left to right—L. Thorn, D. Gilbert, Mr. Long, Sponsor, D. Nodden, D. Parker, Mrs. Bibler, Sponsor, C. Reed.

FRESHMEN

Front row—D. Collins, D. Thomas, R. Scofield, R. Parker, D. Nodette, C. Reed, W. Gloy, Mike, S. Vittetoe, B. Schultz, C. Warner, J. Tomsich, P. Obermussk, D. Tolliver, G. Strain, R. McBride.

Second row—T. Brady, D. Calvert, K. Petersen, J. Blair, A. Beigman, R. Selby, A. Volk, D. Thomas, K. Wilson, W. Johnson.

Third row—P. Record, J. Garrison, D. Whelpley, R. Chester, R. Parker, D. Farley, L. Jarosak, L. King, J. Clem, P. Balas, J. Turner, T. Marvel.



First row—J. Maluyac, D. Hawkins, M. Logsdon, D. Davies, D. Kersey, L. Dean, C. Bonnie, J. Cready, E. Johnson, L. Coslick, S. Perona, D. Gilbert, F. Frum, D. Weston, M. Schroeder, C. Sahle, L. Cummings, J. Carpenter.

Second row—R. Coker, L. Thorne, J. Hawkins, R. Demmon, M. Carlson, D. Campbell, R. Blohm, M. Schaubberger.

Third row—S. Ehlgies, N. Phillips, M. Gonn, D. Crow, K. Allen, N. Anderson, M. Metzger, M. Mahms, B. Price, J. Clark, C. Betancourt, J. Tabor, B. Vaughn, E. Schultz, D. Lis, B. Hardesty.



EIGHTH GRADE



Left to right—J. Marshall, Mr. Anderson, Sponsor, M. Noble, Miss Noble, Sponsor, B. Kimmel, M. Mullin.



First row—B. Alexander, E. Andrews, M. Bradford, F. Stullman, B. Kuchele, R. Thorne, P. King, B. Russell, B. Kimmel, S. Warner, L. Williams, M. Mullin, D. Leyda, R. Leyda, E. McHargue, J. Sistanich, B. Sausman, H. Daubek.

Second row—B. Poffinbarger, G. Jedynak, M. Reich, G. Leeper, B. Ross, L. McCasland, K. Bine, P. Crisman, T. Murray, E. Shroll.

Third row—K. Scheigar, R. Syck, S. Jacob, C. Tobey, J. Williams, B. Unrue, I. Hull, P. Luse, J. Marshall, G. Miller, T. Wyatt.



First row—S. Corbett, B. Scroggins, P. Gaines, F. Bednash, S. Asher, S. Gifford, S. Garrett, I. Cummins, B. Colville, R. Bennell, M. Corbett, F. Taylor, G. Bush, L. Gibson, J. Butler, W. Creasy, W. Gerber.

Second row—J. Curry, B. Emerson, L. Delmage, R. Bible, R. Clem, R. Conners, G. Gilbert, H. Harmon, K. Duvall, B. Conners, T. Bolles, A. Pasley, D. Lightfoot.

Third row—J. Friedland, C. Ingram, S. Garriott, R. Hager, C. Bolles, N. Bishop, M. Cobern, M. Ansbros, D. Ensminger, E. Harnung.



Left to right—Mr. Stuckey, Sponsor, Mrs. Baird, Sponsor, Mrs. Jones, Sponsor, P. Robbins, A. Parker, G. Bradford.

First row—J. Bender, C. Barry, H. Labaie, J. Hallman, G. Baker, W. Obermesik.

Second row—R. Nemergut, M. Khlevin, L. Brown, I. Fitch, J. McHargue, M. Frank, J. Asher, J. Carlson, C. Carlson, P. Bakken, B. Buhman, L. Long, T. Nelson, L. Gibson, G. Marsolek, D. Nelson, G. Hunderer.

Third row—K. Johnson, L. Mahus, S. Crossman, A. Hawkman, C. Cox, B. Cressy, P. Barker, T. Elliott, P. Ekstrom, C. Cobble, L. Cooper, J. Bednash, I. Collins, B. Johnson, J. Berry, N. Fekete, D. Batson, G. Booth.

Fourth row—L. McCasland, D. Johnston, G. Metzger, K. Montgomery, M. Dyer, J. Culp, L. Bellus, D. Gamble, V. Logsdon, R. Cawser, W. Bottom, E. Carmichael, W. Arellano, G. Woolford, T. Earp, W. Hall.

Fifth row—S. Wyant, M. Hartman, J. Garrett, M. Gilbert.

Sixth row—D. Peyton, D. Olson, L. Thorn, J. Thomas, L. Ripperdan, P. Schultz, R. Astanich, L. Marrow, A. Parker, N. Robinson, D. Pennington, J. Reed, A. Walak, R. Falardeau.

Seventh row—T. Snoder, C. Schaubberger, R. Rambo, P. Adams, C. Pruitt, P. Turner, C. Tucker, F. Prentice, R. Wade, J. Jones, D. Johnson.

Eighth row—L. Smock, S. Price, C. Ingram, W. Hunt, G. Tanner, R. Davies, D. Shepard, A. Walderson, P. Boggs, M. Parker, M. Gary, J. Smith, L. Ripperdan.

SEVENTH GRADE





Sing it party!!
Peaches? The girls or the jar?

Working—for a change!!
Science Progresses



Oooooh—don't slip!!
The Christmas artists.

Our wonderful cooks.
Interested perfection.



Watch those pliers.
Beware!!

Stuck??
Art class at work.

SPORTS





Front row—Coach Melvin Taylor, B. Petersen, L. Yakovetz, C. Wells, H. Merwald, V. Nelson, L. Sistanich. Second row—V. Crisman, D. Millinder, O. Jolly, D. Sam, B. Lightfoot, F. McHargue, B. Blair, Principal Lloyd Wagner.

Baseball

Our baseball team not only maintained the traditional Portage fashion this year but also climaxed one of its most successful seasons by winning the Porter County Championship. Portage won every game, nine straight; and all were decisive victories.

The above photograph shows the team immediately after the Morgan contest, which they won 2-0. Each team had captured six straight wins prior to the game, and the victory was a big step for Portage toward winning the championship.

"Lefty" Yakovetz furnished the greater part of the team's pitching power. He averaged almost two strikeouts an inning in winning six straight games. Among his exploits were the feat of pitching 27 consecutive scoreless innings and three shutouts, one a no-hitter against Jackson.

The hitting was nothing less than sensational, too; the team batting average was .379. John Sistanich compiled the highest percentage with a .560 mark; Bob Petersen hit .500; Carl Wells, .464; and Hal Merwald, .440. The team's biggest display of this batting capability was their 29-1 slaughter of Washington.



Front row: Coach Ditsler, O. Nickerson, E. Oswald, A. Volk, I. Jennings, J. Hawkins, J. Garrison, T. Brady, I. Tabor, Mr. Hegely. *Second row:* R. Parker, B. Brown, K. Wilson, J. Turner, D. Morris, J. Clem, D. Thomas, J. Blair, P. Bains, C. Reed. *Third row:* D. Whelply, L. King, H. Davies, D. Mullan, L. Jarosak, D. Calvert, D. Thomas, L. Coslett, L. Hardesty.

Football

Portage began its first year of football under the coaching of a former Portage graduate, Coach Don Ditsler.

With an inexperienced freshman-sophomore squad we began our four-game schedule late in the season. The first game with Dyer was a hard defeat to take. It was our first game. But we came back against Wirt with a rousing 7-6 victory. Our next game was a Portage triumph

over Hobart, and we dropped the final game to Merrillville. With a fifty per cent average we can all be proud of the first year of football at Portage.

Scores			
Portage	0	Dyer	19
Portage	7	Wirt	6
Portage	13	Hobart	6
Portage	7	Merrillville	19



BASKETBALL

Portage

34	Hebron	21
47	Boone Grove	34
49	Dyer	17
30	Valparaiso	39
41	Wirt	33
40	Chesterton	42
34	Merrillville	26
39	Gary Edison	35

Invitational Tourney

22	Valparaiso	29
39	Hobart	41
45	Hobart	41
46	Wheeler	44

Porter County Tourney

54	Kouts	45
39	Chesterton	40
45	Griffith	63
43	Crown Point	33
54	East Gary	57
32	Lowell	31

Front row—W. Olson, J. Sistanich, R. McHargue, Carl Wells, D. Sam.

Back row—M. Taylor, F. McHargue, O. Jolly, C. Metzger, A. Colville, H. Merwald, V. Nelson, J. Beier.





Reserves

Front row: I. Brown, C. Bauman, C. Cautley, W. Van Berge, J. Murray.

Back row: Coach Taylor, M. Schauburger, B. Blair, M. Carlson, R. Parker, W. Yakovetz, K. Petersen.

Basketball

A fighting five, despite a lack of height, performed very capably this past season. The team possessed an overall record of 11-7.

The main achievement of Portage this year was the tying of East Gary for the Calumet Conference lead. Each team finished with a 7-2 record. The Indians scored victories over Dyer, Wirt, Merrillville, Gary Edison, Hobart, Crown Point, and Lowell, losing only to Griffith and East Gary. Portage is the only Porter County school in this tough conference and the team deserves much credit for its fine showing.

Portage started the season in great fashion by winning easy victories over Hebron and Boone Grove. However, we lost to a tough Valparaiso quintet for the first time in five years. The Indians came back to victimize Wirt but lost a close game to Chesterton two nights later. Back at home Coach Taylor's boys chalked up their third and fourth conference victories by hanging defeats on Merrillville and Gary Edison.

Then came the disastrous Holiday Tourney at Valparaiso. The Indians lost twice on the

same day to Valpo in the afternoon and to Hobart in the evening consolation match. They took their revenge, however, the next week by whipping that same Hobart five for their fifth straight Conference victory. At Wheeler, Coach Taylor nearly met with defeat to his home town. The Indians waited until the game was actually over before sinking a pair of free throws to win.

Portage drew Kouts in the County Tourney for the third year in a row and walloped them. In the feature game of the tourney the next day we lost a one-point heartbreaker to Chesterton.

Back in Conference play, the Indians succumbed to a last quarter Griffith rush for their first Conference defeat but climbed back on the victory wagon the next night by subduing Crown Point. On the following week end they battled their rivals from East Gary on even terms until the last few seconds, when East Gary hit three free throws to win. Portage then walloped Lowell to complete the Conference schedule and effect the deadlock with East Gary.

FRESHMEN

Front row—D. Thomas, L. Thorn,
Hawkins, R. Demmon, T. Brady, L.
Kong, R. Parker

Second row—D. Nicolette, R. Selby,
Clem, J. Blair, D. Calvert, C. Reed,
Marvel

Third row—J. Creasy, D. Shirley,
P. Johnson, L. Dean, L. Coslet, D.
Whelpley, Coach Ditzler.



JUNIOR HIGH

Front row—L. Thorn, J. Thomas,
D. Leyda, C. Charleson, F. Taylor, D.
Leyda, J. Charleson, H. Lehigh, J.
McHargue

Second row—P. Crisman, L. Rip-
perdan, B. McHargue, G. Booth, E.
Andrews, N. Fekete, P. Robbins, R.
Sistanich, L. Delmage

Third row—Coach Ditzler, D.
Rambo, B. Ross, D. Nelson, R. Clem,
M. Reich, W. Hall, J. Sistanich, G.
Bradford, L. McCasland.





*First row—O. Jolly, C. Kimmet, B. Lightfoot, A. Davies, C. Metzger.
Second row—R. Bannister, C. Wells, H. Merwald, L. Brown.
Third row—Coach Taylor, B. Van Bergen, R. McHargue, A. Henig, W. Olson*



Top to bottom—C. Kimmet, C. Wells, L. Brown, R. Bannister, W. Van Bergen, Coach Taylor.

Portage 1949-1950 Cross Country

The Portage distance runners, composed of Charles Metzger, Rob Roy Bannister, Lawrence Brown, Charles Kimmet, Carl Wells, and Bill Van Bergen, had representation in the following meets:

Sept. 22 Chesterton, 25; Portage, 35.

Sept. 29 Lew Wallace, 26; Chesterton, 47; Portage, 57.

Oct. 3 Portage, 118; Gary Edison, 42.

Oct. 8 Portage, 16th in a field of 22 (Hobart Invitational)

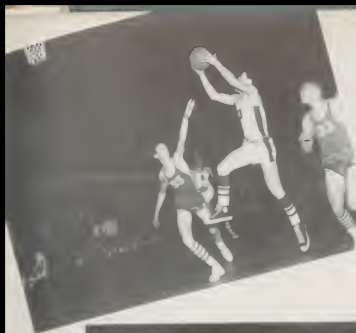
Oct. 11 Griffith, 21; Portage 39.

Oct. 19 Portage 4th in a field of 7 (Conference Meet).

Oct. 25 Portage 16th in a field of 18 (Sectional Meet).

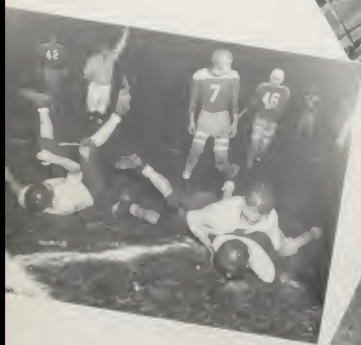
In Cross Country it is the team with the least points that wins. Unlike Basketball, points are a thing you want to get the least of possible.

Cross Country takes the most intense and vigorous training of all the sports Portage participates in. It takes self-control to keep in training and self-determination to keep running.









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Second row—D. Lenburg, L. Tharr, P. Robbins, Mrs. Long, D. Gilbert, W. Connaway, M. Beus.

Lower row—E. Andrews, M. Gomer, W. Olson, M. Mullin, P. Parrish.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council, composed of presidents and representatives from the six classes and various organizations, met each Wednesday morning to discuss ways and means to solve problems that arose among students and to provide social activities for the school.

One of its projects was the placing of monitors in the hall to reduce noise and congestion there. It sponsored several Lyceum programs, including a magician, a quartette of bell ringers, a duo of singer and pianist, and others. These

programs were received with enthusiasm by the students. Its members decorated the halls in a unique way at Christmas time.

For the first time in the history of Portage the Student Council constitution was amended. The amendments gave students the right to petition the Council and provided for a change in membership.

A ping-pong tournament, an annual event, was held in March. The Student Council closed its activities with a talent program.



Left to right—R. Ingram, N. Huff, O. Nickerson, E. Hardesty, K. Axtell, T. Carpenter, D. Fenske, V. Crisman, M. Sheridan, M. Guernsey, B. Blair, N. Garlett's, C. Prentice, B. Alliss, S. Elias, D. Smith, L. Brown, A. Mascher, A. Miller, C. Nelson, B. Funkey, B. Petersen, W. Connaway, W. Olson.



Inner row—H. Daubek, K. David, A. Colville, S. Smith, B. Kimmel, L. Long, M. Comer, M. Bradford. *Second row*—J. Long, K. Bolles, P. Robbins, B. Alexander, M. Guernsey, K. Aller, M. Metzcus, S. Viltetoe, D. Gilbert, H. Foreman, O. Jolly, D. Fleming, D. Garrison, B. Johnson, O. Nickerson. *Outer row*—P. Crisman, L. McCasland, J. Clark, N. Anderson, K. Hine, I. Ripperdan, D. Thomas, M. Kluckvin, F. Bassett, C. Prentice, B. Haack, V. Hager, C. Metzcus, M. Carlson, C. Simonson, D. Trostle, K. Petersen, D. Thomas, C. Wells, E. Andrews.

BAND

Our band, boasting one of the most talented groups Portage has ever assembled, has worked unceasingly this year to master the finer points of marching and also to bring the music of great composers to the concert stage. After journeying to Riverview in September to march in the Mardi Gras, the band practiced diligently on the surrounding streets and on the football field every day. In the fall they helped give spirit and support to our newly formed football team.

All of our hours of practice paid off big dividends at the Valparaiso Homecoming in October. We re-

tained the coveted traveling trophy and were also awarded a huge leader's baton and a bronze plaque.

We had three concerts this year; in the fall, the winter, and the spring. Mr. Myers is our authority in bringing to the concert stage the music of great masters, while Mr. Lindquist directs music of the lighter vein.

The members of the band look forward every year to the solo and ensemble contests and the state and district band festivals. The latter were held in Plymouth and Bourbon, Indiana, in March and the former in April.

CHOIR

Any student at Portage considers it a great honor to sing in the school choir. The choir meets as small groups and assembles in its entirety only when it performs publicly. In these small rehearsal groups the songs that will be sung at the next concert are distributed and the students buckle down to the tough grind of learning music. Only then does the choir as a whole assemble to iron out the rough spots and put on the finishing touches for the performance.

Mr. Myers and Mr. Lindquist are rewarded for their hard work in the concerts, for the effect is often very grand and inspiring. In addition to concert work, the annual music contests are quite important. In the four years of the existence of the contest the choir has won five first places and one second. Last

year the choir won first place both in the district contest in Hebron and at the state contest at Auburn.

The famous Double Sextet, commonly referred to as the "Dirty Dozen," has lately become almost an institution here at Portage. Beginning three years ago as a group of eight, this musical organization now employs the talents of twelve singers. Besides doing much singing for convocations here at Portage, the "Dirty Dozen" often travels to neighboring towns to present programs. It also has a part in the annual all-county Music Festival and in the contests. In the years of its existence the Double Sextet has won two first places and one second place in the music contests.





Mr. Myers, Director • Leon Long, Pianist.

First row—E. Andrews, M. Schauburger, K. Wilson, D. Thomas, R. Hendershott, B. Haack, V. Crisman, D. Haxton, W. Olson, W. Connaway, K. Petersen, G. Kimmet, J. Loar, M. Comer.

Second row—L. Johnson, J. Wyatt, M. Weber, P. Biggs, P. Schlobohm, F. Bassett, A. Colville, H. Merwald, M. Schauburger, L. Thorn, D. Mathias, P. Parker, K. David, B. Donaghey, D. Trostle.

Third row—B. Funky, M. Sheridan, G. Scherger, C. Gottlieb, R. Jones, B. Lightfoot, D. Samuelson, C. Metzger, B. Johnson, B. Petersen, C. Wells, C. Simonson, H. Foreman, L. Sodemann, H. Daubek.

Dirty Dozen

Left to right—V. Crisman, W. Olson, W. Connaway, E. Andrews, M. Sheridan, B. Funky, C. Wells, R. Petersen, W. Johnson, H. Daubek, K. David, M. Comer.

Swingsters

First row—R. Lindquist, W. Haack, A. Colville. *Second row*—V. Hager, A. Andrews.





*Left to right: Mrs. Baird,
A. Miller, K. Astor, B. Froberg,
L. Gilbert, D. Smith
Seated: W. Connaway*

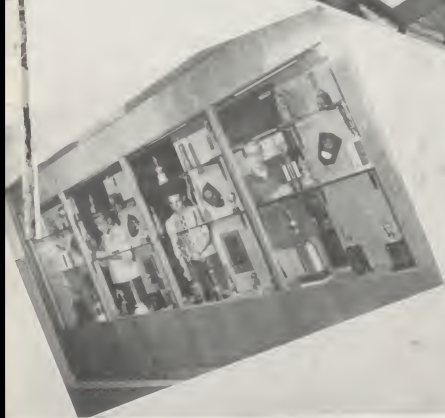


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PRESS CLUB

Typewriters clicking, mimeographs clocking furiously, noise of staples, and humbles of students proof-reading, dummieing, counting and sorting in a last-minute rush before the edition of the *Pore Wow* goes out. To any casual observer this would seem like a hooplam, but to anyone connected with the Press Club would be merely a routine scene in room 305. If anyone should question all the rush, Press Club members would proceed to tell him that a week's work had gone into the finished product: all the work of the reporters, artists, typists, mechanics, and the editor, the assistant editor, and the sponsor, Mrs. Baird.

The annual Razz Banquet was held April fourth in the Marshall House. Press Club members and honorary guests will long remember an evening filled with fun and laughter.



M. Betts, H. Daubek, K. Aller, M. Samuelson, B. Alliss, G. Kaminski, S. Smith, M. Comer, C. Metzcus, C. Wells, W. Olson.

Left row—E. Anderson, M. Sheridan, J. Lenburg, B. Lively, K. David. *Right row*—H. Beier, D. Coker, N. Hoff, D. Fenske, M. McHargue, L. Johnson.

Left to right—C. Metzcus, C. Wells, F. Mullin.



First row—B. Funkey, W. Olson, C. Nicholson, K. David, W. Connaway, M. Betts. Second row—Mrs. Jones, Director; K. Axtell, C. Metzcus, C. Nelson, B. Lightfoot, C. Wells, H. Daubek.



Standing—J. Sistavich, M. Betts, R. McHargue, B. Johnson, B. Lightfoot, C. Metzcus, K. David, C. Wells, B. Funkey, W. Olson. *Seated*—E. Schults, F. Mullin, A. Colville.

LATIN CLUB

Portage High School's Latin Club was organized in 1946 and in that year became a chapter of the Junior Classical League, a national organization. The purpose of the league, as well as the purpose of our local chapter, is the promotion of interest among students in Latin and also the promotion of classical culture.

This year the local chapter boasts forty active members. And "active" is the word. The initiation of new members this year was something very novel to the tradition of Portage. Seeing all the new students wear wreaths around their necks all day and then to attend the party in the evening reminds one of the actual Roman customs. Then too, the Latin Club held its yearly banquet at which some fine entertainment and food were enjoyed by all.

Another traditional event was the singing of Christmas carols in Latin at the Christmas program in school.



First row—A. Mascher, H. Merwald, Sec.; B. Van Bergen, Pres.; M. Carlson, B. Anderson, J. Smith, D. Calvert. Second row—B. Allis, F. Gordon, A. Anderson, M. Metzcus, K. Aller, D. Parker, D. Nicoletto, Mrs. Jones, Sponsor. Third row—J. Garrison, D. Weston, M. Axtell, G. Kimmert, C. Cobble, B. Jacob, C. Timmerman, D. Mullen. Fourth row—R. Scofield, D. Kerseg, J. Scofield, L. Thorn, P. English, M. Wilson, M. Samuelson, J. Thomas. Fifth row—K. Petersen, C. Reed, P. Obermesik, D. Haxton, W. Creasy, S. Ensminger, R. Polite, T. Marvel.

G. A. A.

The G.A.A. boasts a membership of about 120 girls. These girls participate in most major sports at Portage: basketball, baseball, volleyball, track, bowling, and swimming. Each Tuesday night finds these activities going full force. On special play-days girls from other schools are invited to take part in games and refreshments.

For money-making projects the G.A.A. sponsored a Sadie Hawkins' Day Dance at which Kenny Wilson was chosen Li'l Abner and Marian Comer, Daisy May. The organization sold pencils with basketball schedules engraved on them and also sold Portage Indian sweatshirts.

In early spring the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet was held in the gym. An installation of new officers, good food, and fine entertainment were features of the banquet.



Lower right—G. Kaminski, Pres.; L. Johnson, Sec.; L. Gilbert, Co-Social, B. Donaghey, Bowling; Miss Rippe, Sponsor; N. Hendershott, Basketball, K. Bolles, Ping-Pong; D. Lenburg, Volleyball. Upper row—J. Lenburg, Co-Social; A. Mascher, Treasurer; K. David, Soccer; J. Kimmert, Hiking and Biking; H. Foreman, Baseball; S. Connaway, Health.

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ANNUAL STAFF

Through the combined efforts of the annual staff, this *1950 Legend* was composed. The staff was chosen at the end of September and worked for the greater part of the year on details and policies before beginning the actual formation of the book in January.

A unique campaign featured the annual sales drive. A sales-promotion program, consisting of a short skit and several songs in connection with the annual, was presented before the school audience. A special week during which the annual sold for a reduced price was climaxed by a coke dance held during the noon hours for all who had purchased annuals. Thereafter all sales returned to normal prices.

Other special days were also involved in the annual work. The photography committee assisted the photographer in lining up pictures for three days and the ad sales committee also worked three days. All in all, each committee contributed its share toward making the completed edition of our yearbook.



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